

her many years of dedicated service in advocating for worker justice and dignity for employees in work places throughout San Diego County.

Mary started out as a Wellesley College student intern for SEIU in Boston and at an early age saw firsthand the injustice that many workers face. After several years of work with the International Union, Mary came to work as an organizer in San Diego in 1987. At the time, SEIU Local 102 was a 1,600-member union on decline, but after teaming up with Eliseo Medina, Mary helped to transform Local 102 into the second largest union and one of the most powerfully political unions in San Diego County: SEIU, Local 2028.

Since 1996, Mary has served as executive Director of SEIU Local 2028, representing over 14,000 workers in many different jobs—ranging from janitor to librarian, racetrack program seller to registered nurse, housekeeper to code enforcement officer. In addition, she has acted as spokesperson for not only the workers she represents, but also for all working people in San Diego County.

Mary has led the effort to increase wages and benefits for immigrant and low-wage workers, has worked to expand health care coverage to the County's 650,000 uninsured workers, and has helped to create good jobs in the region.

In local 2028, Mary has worked tirelessly to bring together this large and diverse organization based on the principle of justice for all. And as an important mark of all leaders, Mary has found and developed many leaders who lead their co-workers in organizing and building economic strength in their industries.

Congratulations to Mary Grillo for her work in fighting for justice for the workers of San Diego County.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of October 6, 2004, I was unable to make two votes. I regret missing them and had I been present, I would have voted: vote No. 497, on passage—H.R. 5107, "yea"; vote No. 498, on agreeing to the Conference Report—H.R. 4850, "yea."

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH HENRY (JOEY) ZORN

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday the life of the late Sheriff Joey Zorn of Barnwell County, South Carolina, was celebrated at a funeral service attended by hundreds of appreciative friends conducted by Dr. Steve Burnette, Dr. Ken Catoe, Rev. Scott Brown, Rev. John Nixon, Rev. Billy Mew, Rev. Eddie Jenkins, Rev. Wilbur Creech, and Rev. Farrell Ray.

In his last month he received the state's highest honor of the Order of the Palmetto in-

spired by the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Mary Cothran of Williston, South Carolina, along with South Carolina State Senator Jake Knotts. In addition to being a champion of law enforcement, he was the first Republican Sheriff ever elected in Barnwell County. The following obituary is from The State newspaper, published October 1, 2004.

#### JOSEPH HENRY (JOEY) ZORN III

BARNWELL.—Joseph H. (Joey) Zorn III, 49, Sheriff of Barnwell County, died Wednesday, September 29, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Barnwell, S.C., he was the son of Joseph H. Zorn Jr. and Cleo Renew Zorn. He graduated from Barnwell High School and the University of South Carolina with a degree in Criminal Justice, and was a graduate of 70 advanced law enforcement courses. He served as a Special U.S. Deputy Marshal, on the Board of Directors of the Barnwell Co. Helpline, on the Board of Directors of the S.C. Sheriff's Association, president of the Ellenton Agriculture Club.

He was a member and deacon of Friendship Baptist Church, Gideon International, Harmony Masonic Lodge #17, Barnwell Rotary Club, Ellenton Agriculture Club, S.C. Sheriff's Association and Barnwell County TAG Enforcement Association. He had over 30 years of law enforcement experience, was active in the youth baseball program and was voted Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year 2002. He was selected S.C. American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2004, and Rotarian of the Year 2004. On September 8, 2004, he was presented the Order of the Palmetto by Gov. Mark Sanford.

In 1988 Joey was elected Sheriff of Barnwell County, and this year ran unopposed for his fifth term. Some of his accomplishments are: expanded sheriff's office staff, started the 24 hour patrol, obtained grants that saved taxpayers over 2.8 million dollars, instituted the anti-drug DARE program which graduated over 4,000 5th grade students, was the first sheriff in S.C. to complete DARE school and teach DARE in the schools, placed Resource Officers in all Barnwell County schools, installed an advanced communications system, established an on-going training program for department personnel, established the Reserve Deputy program, the Chaplaincy program, Sheriff's emergency Response Team and a bloodhound tracking team.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 2, 2004, in the Barnwell First Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 200 Jefferson St., Barnwell, SC 29812, Gideon International, P.O. Box 86, Williston, SC 29853 or the Connie Maxwell Children's Home, P.O. Box 1178, Greenwood, SC 29640.

Survivors include: His wife, Pamela Delk Zorn of Barnwell, SC; his parents, Joe and Cleo Zorn of Barnwell, SC; daughter, Jessica Zorn of Barnwell, SC; sons, Josh, Rodney and Russell Zorn of Barnwell, SC; sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Tommy Tyner of Abbeville, SC; mother and father-in-law, Jimmy and Faye Delk of Beech Island, SC; sister-in-law, Theresa Delk of Wrens, GA; four nieces.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN ATTARDO

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of John Attardo, a dedicated firefighter from my home State of Colorado who lost his life serving his fellow citizens. As the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation honors these brave men, it is important for us to remember those dedicated firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow Americans.

I know that those who seek the true meaning of duty, honor, and sacrifice will find it in dedicated servants like John Attardo. He was a loving husband and with a huge heart and I know that his wife Tina, his family and his friends take pride in the uniform he wore and the ideals for which he worked. Our Nation will long endure due to the strength and character of the men and women like John who serve our country.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express my deep sense of gratitude for the sacrifice of these young firefighters and their families. Throughout our history, men and women in uniform have performed their duties with distinction and courage. These brave firefighters have made all Americans proud and I know they have the respect and admiration of all of my colleagues here today.

#### RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVE JUAN H. VASQUEZ

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to Detective Juan H. Vasquez, a distinguished gentleman from my district, who is being honored by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County, Inc., as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

A life long resident of Long Branch, Juan was born at Monmouth Medical Center on November of 1969. In June of 1988, he graduated from Long Branch High School and in September of that same year, began undergraduate studies at Kean College (now Kean University). In January of 1993, Juan graduated from Kean College with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. In April of 1993, he started employment at the Monmouth County Division of Social Services, where he was employed as an Income Maintenance Worker until September of 1997. In October of 1997, he began his law enforcement career when he was hired by the City of Long Branch as a Police Officer. He attended the New Jersey State Police Academy in Sea Girt, NJ, and graduated from the 196th Municipal Class in January of 1998.

After graduating from the Police Academy, he started working in the Patrol Division as a Patrolman. In February of 2000 he was transferred to the Criminal Division of the Detective Bureau where he holds the current title of Detective.